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TICKETS ARE ALREADY ON SALE FOR COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE'S DINNER & DRAMA, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH, FRIDAY 5TH AND SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER, AT 8PM EACH EVENING IN COMPTON VILLAGE HALL.

There are two short plays from Michael Green's *Third Great Coarse Acting Show*: **A FISH IN HER KETTLE** by David Pearson, and **PRESENT SLAUGHTER** by Jane Dewey & Don Starkey. The first is a spoof on a French farce, set in Belle Époque France around 1900. The second is set on the French Riviera in the 1930s.

To paraphrase Michael Green: "These are closely observed imitations of stage disaster. They are not a total competition in hamming it up... There must be enough straightforward playing for contrast. If everyone is outrageous, nobody is funny. Coarse plays are mirrors of the real thing, even though distorting mirrors. They should be done by people who can act properly. It is often the best serious actors who are funniest because they are so near reality."

So CLT audiences are in for a real treat! This is always a popular event and seating is limited so it is wise to book early. *Tickets, which include dinner, are £20 for Thursday, a Charity night in aid of the Samson Centre for Multiple Sclerosis in Guildford, and £17.50 for Friday and Saturday. They are available by phone on 07964 515103 or email to info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.* There are no on-line bookings for this production. Payment can be made by cheque, payable to Compton Little Theatre and sent to CLT Bookings, 49 The Oval, Farncombe GU7 3SZ, or by Bank Transfer to Compton Little Theatre's account at Lloyds, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00575218, giving your name as the reference.

★ ★ ★ THINGS TO DO ★ ★ ★

GODALMING FILM FESTIVAL is back for the second year, between Tuesday 14th and Saturday 18th August, giving the whole community an opportunity to enjoy some fabulous films and fun events at locations in Godalming. There will be FREE matinee, early evening and evening performances at a variety of large and intimate venues, from Godalming Borough Hall and the Wilfrid Noyce Centre to Café Mila, The Star and the Richmond Arms. Take your pick from the following:

| DATE | FILM | CERT | VENUE | LENGTH | START TIME |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------------------------|--------|------------|
| Tuesday 14th August | Tremendous Tuesday | | | | |
| | The Red Balloon | U | Yoga Studio, Café Mila | 34m | 2pm |
| | The Red Balloon | U | Yoga Studio, Café Mila | 34m | 3pm |
| | Amélie | 15 | Borough Hall | 122m | 7.45pm |
| | Film Pub quiz | n/a | The Star Pub | n/a | 8pm |
| Wednesday 15th | Weepy Wednesday | | | | |
| | Coco | PG | Yoga Studio, Café Mila | 105m | 2pm |
| | Breakfast at Tiffany's | PG | Wilfrid Noyce Centre | 115m | 7.45pm |
| Thursday 16th | Thriller Thursday | | | | |
| | Bugsy Malone | U | Wilfrid Noyce Centre | 93m | 2pm |
| | The Big Lebowski | 18 | Borough Hall | 117m | 5.30pm |
| | Blood Simple | 18 | Borough Hall | 99m | 8.30pm |
| | Film pub quiz | n/a | The Richmond Arms Pub | n/a | 8pm |
| Friday 17th | Friendship Friday | | | | |
| | Babe | U | Wilfrid Noyce Centre | 91m | 2pm |
| | Thelma and Louise | 15 | Borough Hall | 130m | 7.45pm |
| Saturday 18th | Spectacular Saturday | | | | |
| | Big Hero 6 | PG | Borough Hall | 102m | 2pm |
| | Moulin Rouge! | 12 | Borough Hall | 127m | 5pm |
| | LA Confidential | 18 | Borough Hall | 138m | 8pm |

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➤ **WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY** is a new play inspired by the real-life stories, songs and the spirit of the women who won the right to vote a century ago. This delightful comedy-drama by Claire Parker, being produced by Lynchpin Productions, tours Surrey in September. It will be at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Godalming on Friday 21st September. For more information and venues, go to www.lynchpinptc.co.uk/mainstage.

➤ **LIVE THE TUSCAN DREAM FOR 1 OR 2 WEEKS FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Charming 1-bedroomed residence in a unique, beautifully restored, medieval hillside hamlet on the Tuscany/Umbria border. Unexpectedly available at short notice, hence the special rate of £500 for 1 week or £900 for 2 weeks. Fully equipped for self-catering or eat at a delightful, family-run on-site trattoria. Visit the website and see Trip Advisor for more details and reviews: www.borgodivagli.com. **Call Tim or Valerie Sharp on 01483 810483 or 07989 865702 if you are interested.**

➤ **BE ON YOUR GUARD!** There has been a spate of thefts of large SUVs in the area, which are then used, at a distance, for ram-raids. People with Land Rovers, Range Rovers and similar vehicles are advised to keep them locked up, well secured and alarmed at all times.



ENCHANTED GARDENS until Saturday 25th August at Godalming Museum. An enchanting exhibition of artworks by present-day botanical artists and complementary works from the museum archives. Find out more about Godalming gardeners, especially Gertrude Jekyll. Explore the museum's secret garden and enjoy garden-related family activities, inside and out.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ
PAUL HIGGS QUARTET: "SHADES OF MILES"
Tuesday 21st August

Trumpet player **Paul Higgs**, renowned for his subtle and sensitive style, presents an outstanding evening of music by trumpet legend Miles Davis, for a special Summer Jazz Café. Highly recommended!

Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.

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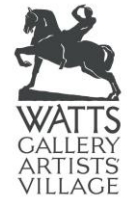
A set of **Babyliss Heated Rollers and clips** in perfect condition, unused. 20 small, medium and large rollers – mixed. **£20**. Can deliver within 10 miles of Milford. **Phone Liz on 07825 787969.**

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED FURNITURE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Do you have any small pieces of unwanted wooden furniture which you could donate to the Meath Epilepsy Charity's shop in Godalming, **Changing Perceptions?** They need solid wood furniture so if you have something you no longer want, which will fit into the boot of your car, please take it to them when you are next in Godalming. They are also in desperate need of hooks and cabinet knobs. Residents of the Meath treat the furniture, re-paint, up cycle, and it is then sold in the shop. It's amazing what you can pick up there! **Changing Perceptions** is at 133 High Street, Godalming – beyond the Pepperpot, on the left. Tel: 01483 420436. Take a look at their website – changingperceptions@meath.org.uk.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

● **SUMMER HOLIDAYS – FLORABUNDANCE.** Tuesday to Thursday throughout August, drop in between 11am and 4pm to the Clore Learning Studio at Limnerslease. Suitable for all ages. Free with Gallery admission. Kids and Friends are Free. Escape to our woodland playground and floral gardens. Bring a picnic or enjoy the delicious summer menu in the Tea Shop. Create sun prints, draw floral designs on acetate to hold up to the light and add to our giant flower installation. Pick up a Florabundance Trail to find flowers in our woods and gardens, and discover their meanings.



DAY COURSES

NATURE STUDIES

Saturday 11th August, 11am-4pm. Led by *Florabundance* artist Helen Hiorns. Take inspiration from the *Florabundance* exhibition in the Watts Contemporary Gallery and our woodlands to create woodland drawings and nature studies with pencil, pen and ink. Suitable for all levels of ability. Materials and tea/coffee included. Bring your own lunch or visit the Tea Shop. Pre-booking required.
£75 (Friends £67.50).

MAKE A RING

Friday 17th August, 2.30 to 5pm or 6 to 8.30pm. Led by Sophie Arnott. Consider James Henry Pullen's use of carving and discover the process of wax carving. Carve a ring to be cast in molten silver and posted back to you. Suitable for all levels of ability. Materials and tea/coffee included. Bring your own lunch or visit the Tea Shop. Pre-booking required.
£75 (Friends £67.50)

The **Summer Sale** in the **Shop** continues throughout August. A great opportunity to pick up a bargain from the wonderful selection of toiletries, clothing, scarves, jewellery, books, children's items and much, much more!

For information about events and to book tickets, phone 01483 813593 or visit www.wattsgallery.org.uk



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY 12th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 6pm Sung Evensong

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

TUESDAYS – Bell Ringing Practice is taking a break over the summer. Normal practice will resume in September, at 8pm on Tuesdays in St Nicholas Church. Ringing for Sunday services and weddings will continue as normal.

THURSDAYS – Art Classes at The Old Barn will also take a break in July and August. They resume in September, 10am-12 noon.

Sat 11th – Nature Studies, Watts Gallery, 11am-4pm

Sat 11th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Mon 13th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 14th- Sat 18th – Godalming Film Festival

Wed 15th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Fri 17th – Make a Ring, Watts Gallery, 2.30pm-5pm or 6pm-8.30pm

MON 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWS

Tues 21st – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Sat 25th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Wed 29th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

August is a quiet month.

Enjoy the sun while it lasts, but wear a hat, use lots of sun cream and make sure you drink plenty of water!